



Rx Drug Affordability

Overview

In his 2021-23 Budget, Governor Tony Evers has made healthcare access for all a top priority. He has proposed over 20 innovative and effective policy solutions to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Wisconsinites. These initiatives are intended to control costs, increase transparency, protect consumers, and support our most vulnerable neighbors. The budget includes provisions to create an Office of Prescription Drug Affordability, cap the co-pay on insulin at \$50, import generic drugs from Canada, and more.



**\$50 Co-pay
Cap on Insulin**



**Affordability
Oversight**



**Supply Chain
Transparency**



**Insulin Safety
Net Program**

More Rx Drug Affordability

- According to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll, six in 10 people are not taking their medication as prescribed due to the high cost ¹
- The Governor's budget puts forth a bold, comprehensive program to address Rx drug affordability and access for all Wisconsinites:
 - The Office of Rx Drug Affordability would serve as a watchdog over the industry to improve transparency and accountability
 - A Rx Drug Affordability Review Board would set price ceilings on certain drugs and limit unnecessary increases in costs
- Over the last 20 years, the prices of the most widely used insulin have risen over 1,400%.
- Nobody should have to choose between paying for their insulin and paying their bills -- that's why Governor Evers has proposed a \$50 monthly co-pay cap
- This budget also creates an Insulin Safety Net Program to make sure that those in urgent need, those with lower incomes, and those who are uninsured or underinsured can still access the life-saving insulin they need

1. Kaiser Family Foundation, kff.org/health-costs/press-release/poll-nearly-1-in-4-americans-taking-prescription-drugs-say-its-difficult-to-afford-medicines-including-larger-shares-with-low-incomes/